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TURKEY.

Report from Harput—Outbreak of cholera at Diarbekir.

Consul Norton reports, January 1, as follows: Cholera has broken out again at Diarbekir with terrible virulence for this season of the year. The deaths between December 15 and 22 averaged 39 daily, and were confined almost exclusively to a squalid quarter of the city, inhabited by Kurds. The municipal authorities are powerless to control such a condition of affairs and to effectively quarantine the dwellings where cases exist. Refugees from Diarbekir to neighboring towns have carried the epidemic with them, and deaths are reported from the near-by towns of Haini and Busheri. The authorities of the vilayet are unwilling to officially acknowledge the presence of cholera in any serious epidemic form.

I have again sent an urgent request to His Excellency Nazim Pasha, vali of Diarbekir, to take the necessary precautions to prevent a widespread epidemic throughout this entire region next spring, which will be the consequence of any further disregard of existing conditions. Similar steps have been taken by Mr. A. Shipley, His Brittannic Majesty's vice-consul for Diarbekir, temporarily stationed for the winter at Erzerum.

VENEZUELA.

Report from La Guaira—Yellow fever.

Consul Goldschmidt reports, January 9, as follows:

I have to report that yellow fever has appeared in this port within a week, and that a number of cases have been reported to me; also 1 death within a few days.

I shall this day report the matter to the chief quarantine officer at San Juan, P. R., where the greatest danger of introduction of disease from here exists.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Three weeks ended December 31, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 36. No contagious diseases.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres*.—Month of November, 1903. Estimated population, 891,834. Total number of deaths, 1,500, including diphtheria 10, enteric fever 12, measles 12, scarlet fever 7, smallpox 55, and 185 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRALIA—*Queensland—Brisbane*.—Month of November, 1903. Estimated population, 122,815. Total number of deaths, 112, including enteric fever 3 and 1 from measles.

BRAZIL—*Pernambuco*.—Two weeks ended December 15, 1903. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 115, including enteric fever 1, whooping cough 1, plague 6, smallpox 15, and 43 from phthisis pulmonalis.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 32,263. Total number of deaths, 69. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*St. Etienne*.—Two weeks ended December 31, 1903. Estimated population, 146,671. Total number of deaths, 127, including enteric fever 1, and 17 from tuberculosis.

GIBRALTAR.—Two weeks ended January 10, 1904. Estimated population, 27,460. Total number of deaths, 27. No contagious diseases.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended January 9, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 20.4 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,271,425.

London.—One thousand seven hundred and thirty-one deaths were registered during the week, including measles 58, scarlet fever 10, diphtheria 14, whooping cough 28, enteric fever 5, and diarrhea 16. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 19.4 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,385 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 3 from diphtheria, 8 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, and 5 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended January 9, 1904, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 27 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,093,289. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz, 9.6, and the highest in Galway, viz, 46.6 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 208 deaths were registered, including diphtheria 1, measles 2, enteric fever 6, scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 9, and 37 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended January 9, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 23.2 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,726,236. The lowest rate of mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 17.5, and the highest in Perth, viz, 46.2 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 768, including diphtheria 3, measles 13, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 3,^a and 15 from whooping cough.

ITALY—*Milan*.—Month of November, 1903. Estimated population, 513,825. Total number of deaths, 766, including diphtheria 9, enteric fever 30, measles 3, and 94 from tuberculosis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki*.—Ten days ended December 31, 1903. Estimated population, 148,883. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from diphtheria reported.

JAVA—*Batavia*.—Two weeks ended December 12, 1903. Estimated population, 160,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Five deaths from cholera reported.

^a The number of deaths from smallpox for the week ended January 2, 1904, should be 5, instead of 52. See Public Health Reports, January 29, page 177.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—*Manila*.—Month of August, 1903. Population, 219,941. Total number of deaths, 862, including enteric fever 7, cholera 63, smallpox 2, plague 8, and 72 from tuberculosis.

SPAIN—*Cádiz*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 69,384. Total number of deaths, 190, including enteric fever 3, and 1 from whooping cough.

SWITZERLAND.—Reports for the two weeks ended January 2, 1904, from 18 cities and towns having an aggregate population of 808,000, show a total of 493 deaths, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 1, measles 7, scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 1, and 60 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, December 26, 1903, to February 5, 1904.

[Reports received by the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

[For reports received from June 27, 1903, to December 25, 1903, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 25, 1903.]

CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Afghanistan:				
Herat.....	Dec. 12.....	.....	.....	Present.
China:				
Shanghai.....	Dec. 18.....	1	.....	On Br. ss. Olivebank.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 9-15.....	.....	1	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 15-Dec. 12.....	.....	144	
Madras.....	Nov. 14-Dec. 4.....	.....	6	
Japan:				
Nagasaki.....	Nov. 21-30.....	.....	1	
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Oct. 31-Dec. 12.....	34	31	
Provinces.....	do.....	1,210	997	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Nov. 8-21.....	.....	9	
Turkey:				
Bagdad—				
Hitt.....	Dec. 13-15.....	8	4	
Kerbela.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 4.....	.....	458	Eight new cases.
Mossul.....	Dec. 21-Jan. 4.....	1	1	
Musseieb.....	Dec. 17-Jan. 4.....	48	35	
Beirut—				
Latakieh.....	Dec. 21-Jan. 4.....	11	7	
Diarbekir—				
Diarbekir.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 4.....	64	43	
Syria.....	Nov. 29-Dec. 5.....	.....	.....	Present.

YELLOW FEVER.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Africa:				
Ivory Coast, Grand Bassam	Dec. 12.....	.....	.....	Present.
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 23-Jan. 3.....	8	5	
Colombia:				
Cartagena.....	Nov. 23-30.....	.....	1	
Ecuador.....	Dec. 6-12.....	.....	1	
Jamaica:				
Kingston.....	Dec. 27-Jan. 9.....	2	2	
Mexico:				
Ciudad Victoria.....	Dec. 6-19.....	4	2	
Merida.....	Dec. 6-Jan. 16.....	13	4	
Tehuantepec.....	Dec. 6-Jan. 19.....	.....	2	
Vera Cruz.....	Dec. 13-Jan. 23.....	9	2	
Panama:				
Panama.....	Jan. 4-Jan. 16.....	4	1	
Venezuela:				
La Guaira.....	Jan. 2-9.....	.....	1	
Maracaibo.....	Oct. 25-Dec. 27.....	2	2	